

Official Rules and Regulations

Walleye Classic September 11 & 12, 2010---Tobacco Gardens, ND

MEETING: There will be a mandatory meeting Friday, September 10, 2010 at 6pm at the Tobacco Gardens Multi-Purpose Building. One person from each team MUST ATTEND!!!

Eligibility: Any participant under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Anyone who has fished professionally in the last 12 months is not eligible.

Regulations: All contestants must observe U.S. Coast Guard and North Dakota State Game and Fish rules and regulations. There must be 2 entrants per boat. A single entrant team is not allowed.

Sportsmanship: All contestants will be expected to be courteous, safety conscious and practice fundamental sporting principles. Any infraction can result in IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

Tackle & Equipment: Artificial and live bait may be used. Each contestant may use two rods spare rods may be carried. **LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN AT THE START OF THE DERBY.**

Fishing Area: Take off is at Tobacco Gardens through the buoys! The boats need to be in numerical order going through the buoys! Boundaries are as follows: To the west is Camp Cherith and the East Boundary is the pipeline. If there are any questions about the boundaries, please contact a tournament official before fishing.

Note: Contestants may not leave their boat for any reason, or operate their boat outside of the set boundaries during the tournament. Contestants must not exchange items or approach another boat other than official tournament boats. The tournament will be held from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (CDT) on Saturday and 8:00 am-3:00 pm on Sunday. You must start and finish at the tournament headquarters. If an emergency should occur, please contact a patrol boat for assistance on Ch. 16. No more than two contestants may be in the boat during the tournament. Officials will be in boats and also on shore. No cell phones or marine band radios will be used unless it's an emergency.

Boat & Motor: Boat and motor must be in compliance with state regulations. All participating boats will be given an ID number the morning of the tournament. This number must be displayed on the Driver side of the boat above the water line.

Fishing Hours: The first flight fishing hours for day one are 8:00am to 4:00pm (CDT) and the second flight will fish from 8:30am to 4:30pm (CDT). The second day the hours are 8:00am to 3:00pm (CDT) for the first flight and 8:30am to 3:30pm for the second flight. In case of inclement weather the tournament will be changed to a one day tournament.

Late Penalty: Contestants who arrive at the finish line after 4pm (CDT) from the first flight will be automatically disqualified. Any contestants arriving at the finish line after 4:30pm (CDT) from the second flight will be automatically disqualified. All bags must be checked at the scale by 4:30 pm (CDT) from the first flight and 5:00pm (CDT) for the second flight. **ALL BAGS MUST BE RETURNED OR THE TEAM WILL BE CHARGED A FEE TO REPLACE THEM.**

Scoring: Only fish 15 inches or over will be kept. Contestants may have 10 fish in the boat, only 6 walleye or sauger may be brought to the scale to be weighed. Any fish mangled or altered in any way will be weighed at the discretion of the weigh master. That decision is final! The total weight from both days will determine the winner. Any ties will be determined by the largest weight from the first day.

Inspection: All boats and their contents will be inspected each morning of the tournament. They will also be subject to search during the derby. Boats may come by water, but must check in with a tournament official both mornings before fishing. Anyone found cheating will be immediately disqualified and forfeit all entry fees. They will also be banned from all future tournaments.

General: All ties will be settled by largest Walleye. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament directors. Failure to comply with tournament rules shall result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee. The decision of the tournament directors is final in all matters. All rules have 'Loopholes'. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that the 'Spirit of the Rule' will prevail in all judgment cases.

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